

Dear Conservation Commission Members:

My name is Frank A. Stasiowski, FAIA.....We will soon close on buying a property adjacent to the Mariner Way project at 115A Washington Street.

As a Fellow of the American Institute of Architects and as a member of the original design team that designed the Nantucket Boat Basin for Walter Beinecki in 1969, I strongly oppose the application for relief to add pools and hot tubs to the Mariner Way project.

Although this request may seem minor, it totally affects not only the adjacent properties, but sets a dangerous precedent in historic Nantucket that could pave the way for dozens of similar requests within the historic downtown area turning our unique architectural setting into an array of pools and hot tubs, and creating an atmosphere that undermines the value that has been preserved historically within the town.

Our role in the history of Nantucket is to enhance the amazing vision executed by Walter Beinecki doing everything we can to preserve the principles, the integrity, and character of the downtown in the face of developers and builders putting forth plans that would otherwise reduce property values by their very presence, and cause our town into a "Coney Island" atmosphere that no one would want.

I urge the Conservation Commission to reject the request to build a pool at 2 Mariners Way because it is a betrayal to this magical neighborhood that is defined by the wetlands, the Duck/Goose Pond, and the Harbor. I understand that it might be "technically" allowed to build a pool in this zone due to the area's prior zoning code, but it is most definitely not in the spirit of what Walter Beinecki and the Conservation Commission stands for. If the developer is successful in building a pool at 2 Mariner's Way, they will surely plow ahead to build the proposed pools at 4 and 6 Mariner's, and this natural habitat, in the heart of the Historic District, will be shattered. We look to the Conservation Commission to protect this precious natural habitat for all present and future generations.

Please share this letter with the Commissioners in advance of the Public Hearing scheduled for 5pm ET on Thursday, April 27th.

Sincerely

Frank Stasiowski